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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: CONGRESSIONAL APPEARANCES-  
S/S - 7522161

REF: SECTO 16006

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM MCCLOSKEY

1. WE HAVE BEEN DELAYED IN RESPONDING TO YOUR CABLE  
BECAUSE OF CONTINUING UNCERTAINTY OVER OMB ACTION ON THE  
SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION. WHILE THIS QUESTION IS  
STILL NOT ENTIRELY RESOLVED, IT NOW SEEMS THAT OMB'S  
PROPOSED REDUCTIONS WILL BE PRESENTED TO YOU IMMEDIATELY  
UPON YOUR RETURN AND A DECISION WILL BE MADE AT THAT TIME.  
THIS WOULD PERMIT THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION TO  
GO FORWARD TO THE CONGRESS NEXT WEEK AND TRIGGER THE NEED  
FOR ADMINISTRATION WITNESSES TO SUPPORT THAT LEGISLATION  
AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL AND AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.  
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AS YOU KNOW WITH THE THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS RECESSES

IN THE OFFING, THE PROSPECTS FOR THE FINAL ACTION FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE BEFORE EARLY SPRING DEPEND UPON A MAXIMUM INITIAL EFFORT DURING NOVEMBER. THE HIRC INTENDS TO COMPLETE ACTION ON THE BILL BY NOVEMBER 15, IF ADMINISTRATION WITNESSES ARE AVAILABLE.

2. THEREFORE, NOTWITHSTANDING THE IMPORTANCE OF PLACATING SENATOR LONG AND THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, WE RECOMMEND THAT WE GO AHEAD WITH THE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 6 APPEARANCE BEFORE THE HIRC ON BEHALF OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE AS THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS.

APPROVE ..... DISAPPROVE .....

3. WE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT MADE ANY COMMITMENTS TO THE SFRC ON YOUR BEHALF TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE, BUT FROM THE LOOKS OF YOUR PRESENT SCHEDULE, IT STILL SEEMS IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE ON NOVEMBER 10. THEREFORE, WE REQUEST THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US TO SCHEDULE YOU WITH THE SFRC ON NOVEMBER 10.

APPROVE ..... DISAPPROVE .....

4. WE ALSO RECOMMEND, GIVEN THE ABSENCE OF ANY SUBSTANTIVE URGENCY TO MEET WITH LONG, THAT WE INFORM LONG THAT WHILE YOU HAD HOPED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE SFC EARLY IN NOVEMBER, IT IS NOW IMPOSSIBLE BEFORE DECEMBER.

APPROVE ..... DISAPPROVE .....

5. MEANWHILE, AS YOU KNOW, SENATOR CHURCH WANTS YOU TO APPEAR TO DISCUSS YOUR CONCEPT OF THE ROLE OF INTELLIGENCE IN FOREIGN POLICY. WHILE HE MAY WELL HAVE MORE MISCHIEVOUS THEMES IN MIND, LARRY FEELS AND WE AGREE, THAT YOU SHOULD NOT LEAVE THE FIELD TO CHURCH ON THIS MATTER. THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US TO SCHEDULE YOU ON NOVEMBER 20 (A DATE WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS POSSIBLE) WITH THE CHURCH SELECT COMMITTEE.

APPROVE ..... DISAPPROVE .....

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6. WE WOULD ALSO PROPOSE TO GO TO MCCLELLAN TO TELL HIM THAT YOU WILL BE LOOKING TO APPEAR EARLY IN DECEMBER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR PROMISE TO MCCLELLAN, ON BEHALF OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE.

APPROVE ..... DISAPPROVE .....

7. MAW CONCURS.  
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